

Fact Sheet April 2004

Aerojet General

Rancho Cordova



PERMIT TO INCLUDE ADDITIONS

DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments within the California Environmental Protection Agency. The Department's mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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Introduction

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comments on the proposed additions to the Aerojet General (Aerojet) hazardous waste facility permit (permit). The proposed additions relate to two deep injection wells that Aerojet closed in 1994. The additions will put post closure monitoring, inspecting, reporting and repairing of two closed wells into the permit. These wells are on the southwest side of Aerojet near White Rock Road, (please see the map on page three). Aerojet will also need to meet some more financial requirements.

This fact sheet gives information on Aerojet's closed injection wells, the proposed post-closure requirements, the California Environmental Quality Act, and opportunities for public involvement.

The Former Injection Wells

Aerojet operated two injection wells from 1963 to 1985. They pumped about 85 million gallons of liquid waste 1000 to 1600 feet below the ground surface. Under orders from DTSC and other agencies, Aerojet closed the wells in 1994. They flushed the wells with water. Then Aerojet plugged them with cement and sealed them.

Proposed Requirements

The proposed post closure sections will require Aerojet to:

- Do regular repair of the closed and sealed wells
- Do regular checks of the waste below the ground surface
- Have funds to carry out this work for at least thirty years.

You may comment on this proposed action. Please send comments to:

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His email address is jpapatha@dtsc.ca.gov

The public comment period is May 4 through June 21, 2004

During the 1994 injection well closure, DTSC required Aerojet to put in four wells to check on the location of the waste. Now, we want Aerojet to install another well to increase our knowledge on the movement of the waste.

California Environmental Quality Act

As lead agency, state law requires us to study the potential health and environmental risks from this proposed action. Under the California Environmental Quality Act, we decided this proposed permit change is exempt. DTSC judges it exempt because we have decided there is no possibility of any significant effects.

Response to Comments

Before making a final permit decision, we will review and respond to all public comments. We will send our responses to everyone who comments. Also, anyone may request our responses to comments. When DTSC makes a decision, we will send out a Notice of Decision to you.

Public Hearing

If you would like to have a public hearing or meeting on issues related to this proposal, please call or email Nathan Schumacher before the end of the public comment period. You should inform him of your reasons for wanting a meeting.

For More Information

For further information, please contact the following DTSC staff:

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If you are from the media, please contact Lisa Gray, Public Information, (916) 324-0926 or email at LGray@dtsc.ca.gov.

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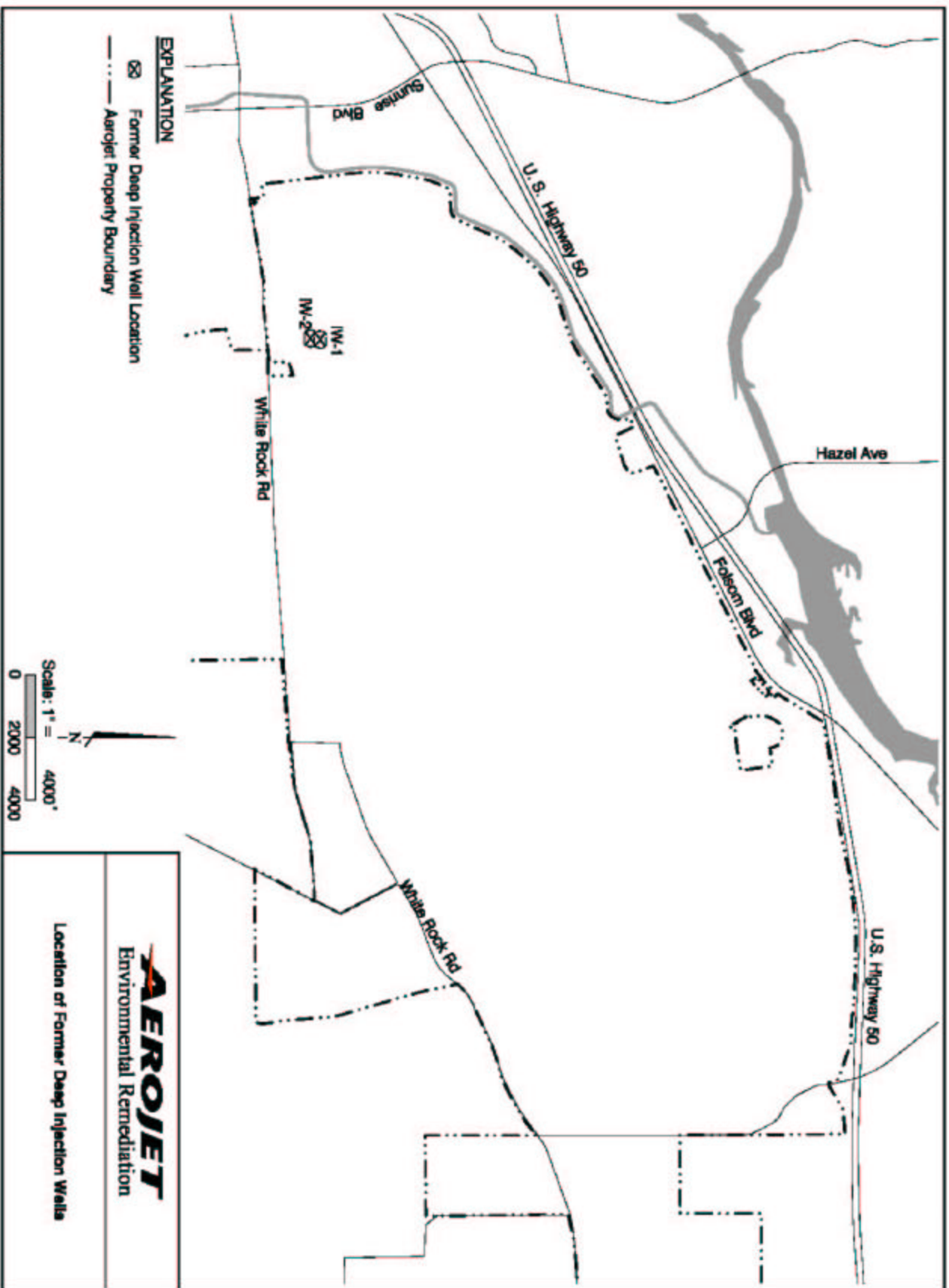
If you want to review the full permit or these changes, please visit the Rancho Cordova Branch of the Sacramento County Public Library. Their address is:

The reference desk
Rancho Cordova Branch Library
9845 Folsom Blvd.
Sacramento CA 95827

Their hours are Monday, from 4 pm to 8 pm
Tuesday, 1 pm to 4 pm, Wednesday, 11-6 pm,
Thursday, 12 pm to 8 pm and Friday/Saturday
1-5 pm. Please call (916) 264-2700 for
updated hours as they may change.

Notice to the Hearing Impaired

TDD users can obtain additional information about Aerojet by using the California State Relay Service (1-888-877-5378). Please ask to reach Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 about the Aerojet injection wells.



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If you would like to be on the mailing list, fill out the information below and mail back to: **Nathan Schumacher, Public Participation Specialist, DTSC, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA, 95826**

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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